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For: **BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE AND METHOD FOR
RECOGNIZING FORGED BANK NOTES**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted on forms PTO/SB/08A. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or non-patent literature listed on form PTO/SB/08A is submitted herewith.

Concise Statement of Relevancy

(Non-English Language Documents Only)

The relevancy of the German language document is by way of its citation in parallel proceedings in the related German application, and is also evident from at least the drawings of the German language document.

Statement Regarding Translations

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicant's attorney apart from English language abstracts appended to the documents or English language counterparts identified in the "Statement of Cumulative Information" paragraph below.

DE100 29 051 A1 is related to U.S. publication no. 2003/0168849 (cited in the IDS filed on February 11, 2008), U.S. publication no. 2009/0242627 A1, and U.S. patent no. 7,552,864.

Statement of Timeliness

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the earlier of the mailing date of a final rejection or Notice of Allowance sent in this application but before payment of the Issue Fee. The certification required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted separately or below. A petition to the Commissioner and the appropriate fee pursuant to §1.17(p) are submitted herewith.

Certification

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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